

Claims

1           1.     A process for encoding a boarding pass with an image of a  
2     passenger to facilitate identify verification, comprising the steps of:

3                 verifying the identity of the passenger prior to the boarding and at a  
4     location beyond a security perimeter;

5                 taking an electronic image of the passenger with a camera capable of  
6     generating a computer-storage image output; and

7                 printing a human-cognizable image of the passenger directly onto said  
8     boarding pass.

1           2.     The process of claim 1 further comprising the step of:  
2                 associating said computer-storable image output with an individualized  
3     travel datum of the passenger.

1           3.     The method of claim 1 wherein printing said human-cognizable  
2     image onto said boarding pass occurs with an ink color associated with a  
3     particular transport departure.

1           4.     The process of claim 1 wherein said electronic image is stored  
2     in a centralized database.

1           5.     The process of claim 1 wherein printing said human-cognizable  
2     image occurs with a non-smudgeable ink.

1           6.     The process of claim 5 wherein said human-cognizable image  
2 appears on a video display as retrieved from said centralized database upon  
3 entry of an individualized travel datum of the passenger.

1           7.     A travel boarding pass system for verifying the identity of a  
2 bearer, comprising:

3                 a self-supporting boarding pass having a human-cognizable image of  
4 the bearer printed thereon, the human-cognizable image being printed in an ink  
5 color associated with a transport departure of the bearer.

1           8.     A travel boarding pass system for verifying the identity of the  
2 bearer, comprising:

3                 a self-supporting boarding pass having a machine readable data series  
4 selected from the group consisting of: bar code and magnetic strip encoding an  
5 alphanumeric code;

6                 a computer database storing a bearer image associated with the  
7 reference number; and

8                 a video display coupled to said computer database and a machine data  
9 reader adapted to read the data series, such that upon reading the data series a  
10 human-cognizable bearer image is displayed on said video display.

1           9.     A process for encoding a boarding pass with an image of a  
2 passenger to facilitate identify verification, comprising the steps of:

3 verifying the identity of the passenger prior to the boarding;  
4 taking an electronic image of the passenger with a camera capable of  
5 generating a computer-storable image output;  
6 encoding a machine readable data series selected from the group  
7 consisting of: bar code and magnetic strip onto a boarding pass, said data  
8 series referencing said computer-storable image output within a computer;  
9 reading the data series to said computer database;  
10 recalling a human-cognizable image of the passenger from said  
11 computer-storable image output, said computer-storable image output  
12 referenced to said data series with said computer database;  
13 displaying said human-cognizable image on a video display interfaced  
14 with said computer database; and  
15 comparing the human-cognizable image on said video display with the  
16 passenger presenting said boarding pass at the time of boarding.